

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 21, 2007 identified four groups of claims and requested Applicants to elect one of these four groups of claims. In response, as indicated in the attached claim set, Applicants hereby elects Group I (claims 1-17, 18 and 24-30) without traverse. No new matter is being introduced through these claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the claims as amended for examination on the merits. A timely allowance of the pending claims is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Response and Amendment, please charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.

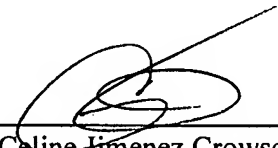
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorneys by telephone to discuss any matters if the Examiner feels such discussions may expedite the progress of the present application toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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